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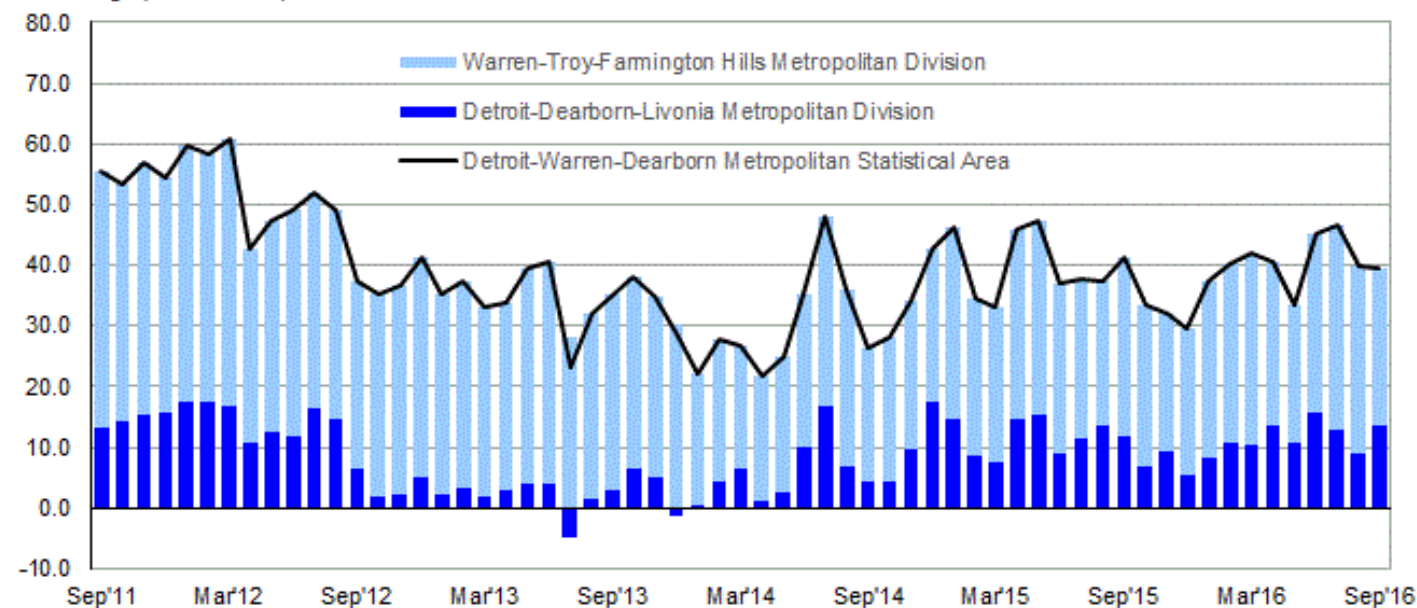
Detroit Area Employment — September 2016

Job Growth Up 2.0 Percent Over the Year

Total nonfarm employment in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area stood at 1,985,600 in September 2016, up 39,600 or 2.0 percent over the year, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. During the same period, the national job count increased 1.7 percent. Assistant Commissioner for Regional Operations Charlene Peiffer noted that the Detroit metropolitan area has had over-the-year employment increases each month since June 2010. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#); the [Technical Note](#) at the end of this release contains metropolitan area definitions. All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year analysis is used throughout.

Chart 1. Total nonfarm employment, over-the-year net change in the Detroit metropolitan area and its divisions, September 2011–September 2016

Net change (in thousands)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Detroit metropolitan area is made up of two metropolitan divisions—separately identifiable employment centers within the larger metropolitan area. The Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills division, which accounted for 62 percent of the metropolitan area's employment, added 26,000 jobs from September a year ago, a gain of 2.2 percent. The Detroit-Dearborn-Livonia Metropolitan Division, the area's other employment center, added 13,600 jobs over the 12-month period, a 1.8-percent rise.

Industry employment

Professional and business services had the largest annual employment gain among Detroit’s supersectors, adding 18,400 jobs since September 2015. The 4.7-percent local rate of job growth in this supersector was higher than the 3.0-percent national rate. (See [chart 2](#).) The Detroit area’s job gains in the supersector were particularly strong in the professional, scientific, and technical services industry, which added 10,900 jobs over the year, a 5.3-percent increase. The Warren division added 7,000 jobs or 64 percent of the area’s job growth in the professional, scientific, and technical services industry.

The education and health services supersector gained 9,100 jobs from September 2015, the second largest increase in the Detroit area. Both metropolitan divisions had over-the-year employment gains, with Warren adding 5,400 jobs and Detroit adding 3,700 jobs. The education and health services local job growth rate of 3.0 percent was similar to the national rate of 2.8 percent.

Chart 2. Total nonfarm and selected industry supersector employment, over-the-year percent change, United States and the Detroit metropolitan area, September 2016



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The financial activities supersector added 5,800 jobs, a gain of 5.4 percent over the year. The Detroit division experienced the largest increase, adding 3,700 jobs, while the Warren division gained 2,100 jobs. Nationwide, employment in this industry increased 2.1 percent from September a year ago.

Locally, employment in leisure and hospitality rose by 4,700 from September 2015. Both metropolitan divisions had annual job gains, with Detroit adding 2,900 jobs and Warren adding 1,800 jobs. The local leisure and hospitality job growth rate matched the national rate of 2.4 percent.

Two other supersectors in the Detroit area added more than 1,000 jobs over the year—mining, logging, and construction (+3,000) and manufacturing (+2,200). Within manufacturing, the Warren division gained 5,800 jobs while the Detroit division lost 3,600 jobs.

Government lost 3,400 jobs in the local area from September 2015 to September 2016, a 1.9-percent decline. The Warren division lost 2,100 government jobs and the Detroit division lost 1,300 jobs. Nationally, the government sector added jobs at a 0.7-percent rate from September a year ago.

Metropolitan area employment data for October 2016 are scheduled to be released on Friday, November 18, 2016.

Technical Note

This release presents nonfarm payroll employment estimates from the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. The CES survey is a Federal-State cooperative endeavor between State employment security agencies and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Definitions. Employment data refer to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Industries are classified on the basis of their principal activity in accordance with the 2012 version of the North American Industry Classification System.

Method of estimation. The employment data are estimated using a "link relative" technique in which a ratio (link relative) of current-month employment to that of the previous month is computed from a sample of establishments reporting for both months. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these ratios. Small-domain models are used as the official estimators for approximately 39 percent of CES published series which have insufficient sample for direct sample-based estimates.

Annual revisions. Employment estimates are adjusted annually to a complete count of jobs, called benchmarks, derived principally from tax reports which are submitted by employers who are covered under state unemployment insurance (UI) laws. The benchmark information is used to adjust the monthly estimates between the new benchmark and the preceding one and also to establish the level of employment for the new benchmark month. Thus, the benchmarking process establishes the level of employment, and the sample is used to measure the month-to-month changes in the level for the subsequent months.

Reliability of the estimates. The estimates presented in this release are based on sample survey and administrative data and thus are subject to sampling and other types of errors. Sampling error is a measure of sampling variability—that is, variation that occurs by chance because a sample rather than the entire population is surveyed. Survey data are also subject to nonsampling errors, such as those which can be introduced into the data collection and processing operations. Estimates not directly derived from sample surveys are subject to additional errors resulting from the special estimation processes used. The sums of individual items may not always equal the totals shown in the same tables because of rounding.

Employment estimates. Measures of sampling error for state CES data at the supersector level are available on the BLS website at www.bls.gov/sae/790stderr.htm. Information on recent benchmark revisions for states is available at www.bls.gov/sae/.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the delineations issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget on February 28, 2013. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available at www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm.

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, Mich. Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne Counties in Michigan.

The **Detroit-Dearborn-Livonia, Mich. Metropolitan Division** includes Wayne County in Michigan.

The **Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, Mich. Metropolitan Division** includes Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, and St. Clair Counties in Michigan.

Additional information

More complete information on the technical procedures used to develop these estimates and additional data appear in Employment and Earnings, which is available online at www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm. Industry employment data for states and metropolitan areas from the Current Employment Statistics program are also available from the BLS website at www.bls.gov/sae/.

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Table 1. Employees on nonfarm payrolls by industry supersector, the United States and the Detroit metropolitan area and its components, not seasonally adjusted (numbers in thousands)

Area and Industry	Sep 2015	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016 ^(p)	Sep 2015 to Sep 2016 ^(p)	
					Net change	Percent change
United States						
Total nonfarm.....	142,520	144,183	144,416	144,943	2,423	1.7
Mining and logging	799	693	690	689	-110	-13.8
Construction	6,678	6,915	6,919	6,886	208	3.1
Manufacturing.....	12,363	12,375	12,367	12,302	-61	-0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	26,889	27,347	27,359	27,267	378	1.4
Information	2,756	2,791	2,786	2,760	4	0.1
Financial activities	8,157	8,379	8,378	8,327	170	2.1
Professional and business services	19,837	20,372	20,424	20,431	594	3.0
Education and health services	22,102	22,371	22,428	22,714	612	2.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	15,389	16,258	16,216	15,766	377	2.4
Other services	5,614	5,758	5,735	5,703	89	1.6
Government.....	21,936	20,924	21,114	22,098	162	0.7
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI Metropolitan Statistical Area						
Total nonfarm.....	1,946.0	1,977.6	1,980.2	1,985.6	39.6	2.0
Mining, logging, and construction.....	69.4	71.2	72.7	72.4	3.0	4.3
Manufacturing.....	240.5	239.5	241.1	242.7	2.2	0.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	358.3	362.4	362.1	358.2	-0.1	0.0
Information	27.5	28.0	27.9	27.3	-0.2	-0.7
Financial activities	107.9	114.9	115.2	113.7	5.8	5.4
Professional and business services	389.0	403.4	404.9	407.4	18.4	4.7
Education and health services	302.1	308.2	308.8	311.2	9.1	3.0
Leisure and hospitality.....	192.0	205.7	203.6	196.7	4.7	2.4
Other services	77.0	77.0	77.3	77.1	0.1	0.1
Government.....	182.3	167.3	166.6	178.9	-3.4	-1.9
Detroit-Dearborn-Livonia, MI Metropolitan Division						
Total nonfarm.....	737.0	743.4	744.1	750.6	13.6	1.8
Mining, logging, and construction.....	21.1	21.1	21.6	21.9	0.8	3.8
Manufacturing.....	90.4	85.1	86.5	86.8	-3.6	-4.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	138.7	139.6	140.3	139.0	0.3	0.2
Information	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.3	-0.2	-2.7
Financial activities	33.3	37.3	37.5	37.0	3.7	11.1
Professional and business services	123.9	130.0	129.8	131.5	7.6	6.1
Education and health services	130.4	131.4	131.1	134.1	3.7	2.8
Leisure and hospitality.....	77.2	83.1	81.9	80.1	2.9	3.8
Other services	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.2	-0.3	-1.0
Government.....	85.0	79.0	78.5	83.7	-1.3	-1.5
Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, MI Metropolitan Division						
Total nonfarm.....	1,209.0	1,234.2	1,236.1	1,235.0	26.0	2.2
Mining, logging, and construction.....	48.3	50.1	51.1	50.5	2.2	4.6
Manufacturing.....	150.1	154.4	154.6	155.9	5.8	3.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	219.6	222.8	221.8	219.2	-0.4	-0.2
Information	20.0	20.5	20.4	20.0	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	74.6	77.6	77.7	76.7	2.1	2.8
Professional and business services	265.1	273.4	275.1	275.9	10.8	4.1
Education and health services	171.7	176.8	177.7	177.1	5.4	3.1
Leisure and hospitality.....	114.8	122.6	121.7	116.6	1.8	1.6
Other services	47.5	47.7	47.9	47.9	0.4	0.8
Government.....	97.3	88.3	88.1	95.2	-2.1	-2.2

Footnotes

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